CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
MAY 17, 2022 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Pro Tem Cordero called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

Councilmember Escobedo arrived at 5:22 p.m. and Mayor Patino arrived at 5:27 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Stilwell, City Attorney Watson, Chief Human Resources Officer Le, and Chief Deputy City Clerk White (for roll call only).

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS - CLOSED SESSION
Mayor Pro Tem Cordero recessed to a Closed Session at 5:16 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel - Workers' Compensation Claim pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.95 of the Government Code. Claimant: Michael Wheeler, Claim No. 20-148493. Agency claimed against: City of Santa Maria.

INVOCATION
Pastor Jeff Hoyos gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
Councilmember Cordero, Councilmember Escobedo, Councilmember Soto, Councilmember Waterfield, and Mayor Patino

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Interim Director of Public Works Brett Fulgoni, Assistant City Manager Andrew Hackleman, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Interim Library Director Dawn Jackson, Chief Human Resources Officer Linda Le (remote), Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Senior Assistant City Attorney Jeffrey Patrick, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle (remote), Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White, and Deputy City Clerk Beth Cleary

CLOSED SESSION REPORT: CITY ATTORNEY
City Attorney Watson announced that direction was given to accept the settlement offer as presented.

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2022 as "Community Action Month" in the City of Santa Maria, and congratulating CommUnify on its milestone 55th anniversary and its contributions to the Santa Maria community. The Proclamation was accepted by Patricia Keelean, CEO of CommUnify.

B. Councilmember Soto presented a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 15 - 21, 2022, as "National Public Works Week" in the City of Santa Maria, and calling upon all residents and civic organizations to recognize the contributions public works officials make every day for better health, safety, and quality of life. The Proclamation was accepted by Interim Public Works Director Fulgoni.

C. Mayor Patino presented a Proclamation declaring June 2 - 5, 2022, as "Go Rodeo Days" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents and businesses to enter the rodeo spirit by wearing western apparel. The Proclamation was accepted by President of Santa Maria Elks Recreation Peter Sterling.

D. Councilmember Escobedo presented Certificates of Recognition to the Featured Businesses of the Month for May 2022 - CalPortland Construction, Inc., and Donna Randolph Insurance Agency.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Officer Glenn Morris summarized details of each organization, along with their contributions to the City of Santa Maria. Terrell Cypert and Donna Randolph accepted the certificates, respectively.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Chief Deputy City Clerk White indicated that written communications were received from William Heintz asking the City Council to approve enforceable rent stabilization for mobile home owners, and from Mike Lawson who expressed concern over increasing space rents and safety concerns within La Maria Mobile Home Park.

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt representing Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP spoke about recent racially motivated acts of violence in Buffalo, NY and Laguna Woods, CA.

Gary Hall, Andrea Mayfield, Eileen Armijo, Peggy Brierton, Jamie Rodriguez, Jackie Jones, Esther Jensen, Raymond Ayala, and Frank Thompson spoke about rent stabilization for mobile home owners. Gary Hall distributed a letter to the City Council from Attorney Bruce Stanton representing North Santa Barbara County Manufactured Home Team (NSBMHT).

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3I were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2022-39, 2022-40, 2022-41, 2022-42, and 2022-43. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings were waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 3, 2022.

Action: Minutes were approved as submitted.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution continuing the extension of the City's ability to conduct meetings of the City Council and City Boards, Commissions, and Committees partially or completely remotely by using a combination of in-person/virtual (hybrid) platforms as authorized by Government Code § 54953(e)(1)(A) to promote social distancing, prioritize the Public's Health and Wellbeing under Santa Barbara County Health Officer Orders, and provide flexibility as needed to facilitate continuity of government.

Action: Extension was granted to conduct meetings remotely as needed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-39. 5-0.

D. Receive, review, and file the Employee Housing Resource Officer Annual Report.

Action: Report received and to be filed.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with Tierra Contracting for Bid No. 2022/04, Knudsen Way Sewer Main Replacement project.

Action: Agreement with Tierra Contracting was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-40. 5-0.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving an Agreement for Professional Services with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects (RNT Architects) for Phase I – Programming Needs Assessment Study to expand Fire Station No. 1.

Action: Agreement for Professional Services with Roesling Nakamura Terada Architects was approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-41. 5-0.

I. 1) Adopt a Resolution approving the Engineer's Reports for assessment proceedings, and

2) Adopt a Resolution declaring the intention to levy and collect assessments and setting a time and place for a public hearing thereon for the four Landscape Maintenance Districts and the 19 Special Benefit Zones.

Action: 1) Engineer's Reports were approved as submitted; and 2) intention was declared to levy and collect assessments for each Landscape District and Special Benefit Zone, and set a Public Hearing for June 7, 2022, to receive public input.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Soto.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution Nos. 2022-42 and 2022-43, respectively. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATIONS

A. The City Council received a presentation from Jenna Espinosa of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) to provide its annual member agency update. Enrollment continues to increase as its effort to create clean, renewable energy expands.

5 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **REINTRODUCE ORDINANCE NO. 2022-03 IN COMPLIANCE WITH AB 481 APPROVING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY.** The City Council considered the reintroduction of Ordinance No. 2022-03 adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Police Department in compliance with AB 481. Chief of Police Schneider gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Hearing
Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Randy Jackson suggested increasing public outreach, code enforcement efforts, and having cameras at red lights rather than investing in military equipment.

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt, President of Santa Maria-Lompoc NAACP, spoke in support of the Ordinance.

Mayor Patino closed the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Action: Reintroduce Ordinance No. 2022-03 for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, adopting a Military Equipment Use Policy for the Police Department in compliance with AB 481.
Moved by Councilmember Cordero, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. Reintroduced as Ordinance No. 2022-03. 5-0.

B. **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE SANTA MARIA MUNICIPAL CODE.** The City Council considered amendments to the Santa Maria Municipal Code. Assistant City Attorney Patrick gave the presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Hearing
No written communications were received. Mayor Patino opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m., and immediately closed it having no requests to speak.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, amending various sections of the Santa Maria Municipal Code relating to parcel map approval; the Historical Museum; the Library Board; Accessory Dwelling Units; Planning Commission powers and duties; Administrative Penalties; Administrative Citations; General Penalties; Boards and Commissions; Mobile Commercial Washing; Parking Structure Use; Authority to Issue Citations; Underground Utilities; Absorption of Landmark Committee duties by the Recreation & Parks Commission; Density Bonus; and Compensation Plan.

Moved by Councilmember Escobedo, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2022-04. 5-0.

6 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **SANTA MARIA PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE.** The City Council received a presentation on City roadway and maintenance programs and considered approving City standards, policies, and procedures to extend pavement infrastructure's useful life. Interim Director of Public Works Fulgoni introduced Consultant Joe Ririe of Pavement Engineering, Inc., who gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
There were no written communications or requests to speak.

Action: Adopt a Resolution confirming City standards, policies, and procedures to extend pavement infrastructure useful life.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-44. 5-0.

B. **THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT.** The City Council considered the Quarterly Financial Report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2022, and budget amendments to approve operational changes to the 2021-22 Budget. Director of Finance Harvey gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public Input
There were no written communications or requests to speak.

Action: Receive and file Third Quarter Report ending March 31, 2022.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Report received and filed. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving third quarter amendments to the 2021-22 Budget for personnel and operational changes.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-45. 5-0.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving and adopting a comprehensive Salary Schematic Schedule for all full-time and part-time employees in accordance with CalPERS guidelines.
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2022-46. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be June 7, 2022. Items on the agenda would include a Conceptual Review of a Starbucks drive-through at Main and Miller Streets and a discussion of the Mobile Home Park Model Lease.

City Attorney Watson announced that Assistant City Attorney Whitham would be Acting City Attorney at the June 7th meeting in his absence.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended a CommUnify Board Meeting and an Elected Leaders Forum.

Councilmember Waterfield had no reportable AB1234 meetings.

Councilmember Soto expressed appreciation to Dr. Alex Espinoza-Kulick and Dr. Mario Espinoza-Kulick for their efforts at Corazon de Pueblo, particularly during the COVID pandemic.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended the Elks Student of the Year Awards and a Santa Barbara County meeting.

Mayor Patino reported she attended a Caltrans meeting; a Santa Maria Airport meeting; a CA Mayors meeting; the SBCAG Broadband Ad Hoc meeting; a Mayor's Teen Council meeting; the North County Subregional Meeting; the Student of the Year Awards; and the FFA Awards Dinner.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on June 7, 2022.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria